



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

SEP 24 2013

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Glen Gaby  
Town Council President  
111 North Broad Street  
Griffith, Indiana 46319-2294

Subject: Alternatives Analysis Revision  
Pursuant to Docket No. V-W-12-AO-08

Dear Mr. Gaby:

On April 9, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency received a revised alternatives analysis pursuant to Paragraph 22 of the Order issued February 10, 2012, to eliminate the sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) occurring in the Town's collection system. In the analysis, Griffith proposed four alternatives where two are contingent upon measures to be enacted by Hammond. As you know, EPA provided a three month extension to allow for coordinating with Hammond on these issues. While we encourage communities to coordinate, SSOs are prohibited and need to be addressed in the near term. EPA cannot assess the practicality and effectiveness of the alternatives that rely on Hammond without having the specifics of the measures Hammond may undertake and a time frame for the completion of tasks. Without an agreement with Hammond and additional documentation of the measures, we cannot accept these two alternatives as viable options.

As discussed previously, the proposed alternative to construct a 10 million gallon equalization basin did not reasonably assure EPA that SSOs will be eliminated. Griffith submitted an alternative to construct a 13 million gallon equalization basin. The revised alternatives analysis did not include a schedule for the completion of the equalization basin. Please submit your recommended alternative and a proposed schedule for its completion. After the submission of the recommended alternative and a schedule for construction, EPA will evaluate the submittal. If EPA approves the recommended alternative and schedule, the Town of Griffith can move forward with the project.

EPA appreciates the cooperation of the Town of Griffith in regards to this ongoing matter and the time and money Griffith has and will invest in ensuring protection of human health and the environment.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Schwer of my staff, at (312) 353-8752 or schwer.don@epa.gov, or your legal counsel may contact Robert Guenther, Associate Regional Counsel, at (312) 886-0566 or guenther.robert@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DM', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Dean Maraldo, Chief

Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch

cc: Mary Hoover, IDEM  
Mary Hollingsworth, IDEM